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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7244**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 487

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 4, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 4, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Nonresident Shooting Preserve Hunting Fees.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Steele

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires a nonresident of Indiana to acquire a special license to shoot on licensed shooting preserves in Indiana. The bill makes the fee for a special license equal to the fee for a resident annual hunting license. It also requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue special licenses.

The bill also provides that fees from special licenses to shoot on a shooting preserve are not required to be used by the DNR to increase the upland game bird population.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) This bill may decrease the amount of fee revenue associated with the purchase of nonresident hunting licenses to the extent that out-of-state hunters exclusively hunt on shooting preserves and not on public lands located within the state. The bill requires the DNR to issue a special license with a fee equal to the fee for a resident annual hunting license for nonresident hunters to shoot on a licensed shooting preserve. Currently, a basic resident hunting license is \$17 for a resident and \$80 for a nonresident. DNR also offers a 5-day nonresident license for \$31. Fee revenue could be reduced by \$14 to \$63 per nonresident hunter depending on the license option purchased. Hunting for game birds, turkey, and deer require additional stamp privileges and licenses.

License and stamp revenues are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund and used to support the operation of

the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** DNR.

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